

Embassy of the United States of America Maputo - Mozambique

Consular Section

Security Message for U.S. Citizens Unrest in Sofala Province

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This security message alerts U.S. citizens in Mozambique to the risks of road travel in Sofala province where there have been reports of shots being fired at vehicles. On Saturday, April 6th three civilians were killed and several were injured after shots were fired on commercial passenger and transport vehicles traveling on the EN1 near the town of Muxungue. While there is no specific information that the situation will escalate or continue, there is the potential for further unrest and/or violence in the region. The U.S. Embassy in Maputo discourages road travel until further notice in Sofala province on the EN1 between the Save River and the town of Gorongosa, and on the EN6 between Gondola and Beira.

You can get general Embassy updates by checking the website of the <u>U.S. Embassy in Maputo</u>. You can also get global updates at the <u>U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u> where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Country Specific Information</u>. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on <u>Facebook</u> as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through <u>iTunes</u> and the <u>Android</u> marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Mozambique, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program- STEP</u>. If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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